

Sometimes it has been a combination of thoughtful planning and sheer luck, such as when a special camera was able to locate an 8-year-old boy, who had practically been buried alive when his bunk bed collapsed under the weight of a crushed building in Turkey.

Sometimes it has been grim and bitter-sweet, such as when you were able to save an elderly woman in Armenia who was the sole survivor from her building.

The rest of us can only imagine the physical and psychological toll that these types of missions take on each of you: day upon day of work without sleep, the chaos of the circumstances, the calls for help and relief that far outnumber your resources and manpower.

So we wanted, on behalf of the Department of Defense, to pay tribute to your efforts and say thank you; in particular, for the aid that you provided during our response to the tragedy in Kenya and Tanzania; but more broadly, for your sacrifices and those of your families and friends, who have provided so much support during your deployments.

We want to commend you for the message of friendship that you have sent to the people of other nations on behalf of the United States. When you go to a foreign country and raise your tents, with those American flags sewn on top, and use your skill, patience, courage, and compassion to help other people, that sends a powerful message of goodwill to other nations.

That is precisely the type of positive example that we in the Department of Defense encourage in our soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen when they are abroad. Because it is a very eloquent and enduring statement about what America stands for.

I cannot tell you how many times my counterparts abroad have expressed to me their gratitude—to the United States and the American people—for some type of assistance or aid. That type of relationship—including the trust, respect, and appreciation that you earn—is indispensable to diplomacy, stability, and peace. And so we thank you.

Finally, I want to congratulate you for the example that you have set for cooperation between the military community and the civilian community. Several of you have already participated in our Domestic Preparedness Program, and your efforts are going to be even more important in the future as terrorism and weapons of mass destruction become greater threats here in the United States. Every time we work with you to get your gear and trucks onto an air transport or fly you to a distant location, our partnership becomes more valuable for you and for us. Ultimately, when the sirens sound the next time, that experience will allow even more lives to be saved.

Just across the hall from my office here in the Pentagon there is a painting of a soldier in prayer. It is graced with an inscription taken from the Book of Isaiah. In the passage, God asks: "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And Isaiah answers: "Here I am. Send me."

Today it is my pleasure to honor an extraordinary group of Americans who, in the dark and decisive hours after tragedies, have always been willing to say, "Here I am. Send me." You proudly represent not only Fairfax County and the state of Virginia, you represent the best of America and the better angels of our nature.

TRIBUTE TO LUCY CALAUTTI

• Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a woman who has dedicated her career to public service and is a good friend, Lucy Calautti.

I have known Lucy Calautti for twenty years, since she was the Chief of Staff for then Congressman DORGAN, even before becoming his chief of staff in the U.S. Senate. Throughout the years I have been inspired by her intelligence and political skills in the service of the United States Congress.

Many people on the Hill know about Lucy's professional accomplishments, but few of them know about the incredible service she has rendered our nation before she can to Washington. Lucy Calautti's extensive and varied career in the interest of the public, includes service in the United States Navy as an aerial photographer during the Vietnam War. After that her inspiration to serve the American people never faded—in fact it was enhanced—as she photographed protesters outside the 1968 Democratic convention. Her experience in Chicago at the convention of the social turmoil in our country at that time were some of the experiences that has made Lucy the dynamic and sensitive person she is.

Lucy headed west to North Dakota from her birthplace in Queens, New York. She fell in love with the people and land of North Dakota as much as the people and land of North Dakota fell in love with her. She admired North Dakotans' independence, their hard work, and their idealism. It wasn't long after Lucy arrived in North Dakota that she began working with now Senator DORGAN when he became the elected State Tax Commissioner. Theirs was a unique working partnership—one that has lasted more than a quarter of a century.

In her lifetime, Lucy has also been a champion for the rights of women, children, and working families. Some may not know how tirelessly Lucy Calautti has fought for women's rights throughout her career. Lucy began her dedication to the rights of women when she participated in landmark anti-discrimination litigation. As a female GI, she was a courageous pioneer who realized first-hand that the benefits extended to women paled in comparison to the benefits extended to her male colleagues. Lucy took up the cause, and made sure that, for the first time, full GI benefits were provided to women serving in the military. Lucy continued her career in grassroots organizing on behalf of the Women's Democratic Caucus in North Dakota. In fact, The Hill newspaper would later anoint Lucy the "best political organizer the state of North Dakota has ever seen." And while so many people would have stopped with just these accomplishments, Lucy continued to establish the first public child care center in North Dakota, extending the most necessary service to women who juggle work, family, and far too often, poverty.

Lucy's career in public service has also included one of the most important positions in American society today—teaching. Lucy shaped the minds of our future leaders through her

years as a high school and college-level teacher. To this day, Lucy continues her commitment to our nation's children, reading to DC-area children every week. Truly, an inspiration.

Lucy has, literally, shifted the political landscape in North Dakota and the U.S. Senate. As campaign manager Lucy Calautti engineered a come-from-behind victory for KENT CONRAD in the 1986 U.S. Senate race against a seated Republican, marking the first time since 1944 that an incumbent North Dakota Senator lost a reelection bid. Her knowledge of the people of North Dakota coupled with her superior grassroots organizing skills and her media savvy resulted in a campaign that is so respected, it was the subject of a book entitled "When Incumbency Fails."

Contemporaries know Lucy most for her leadership in the office of Senator DORGAN, as she has served as Chief of Staff to Senator DORGAN for more than twenty years. During this time, Lucy performed a key role in shepherding key legislation through the United States Senate. It wasn't too long ago that Lucy played an instrumental role with the Democratic party, staving off the Republican push for a Balanced Budget Amendment, and worked to push an amendment that would not harm Social Security. In those tense days, Lucy was the calm inside the storm, as she quickly worked for a common-sense approach to the issue at the same time she helped bring the state of North Dakota into the limelight. For her skills in politics and legislation, Lucy has been praised universally by her peers. A former aide to the late Senator Quentin Burdick lauded Lucy Calautti as "incredibly astute about politics and human nature, and absolutely brilliant at running a campaign." Former coworkers reserve the highest accolades for Lucy, including one, who praised Lucy as "smart, analytical, meticulous, loyal, and a hard worker." The Hill newspaper even crowned Lucy Calautti with the title of "most powerful woman in the nation's capital."

Now, we are losing Lucy to one of her lifetime loves—baseball. I suppose it is only natural that Lucy return to one of her first and most ardent interests. Growing up in Queens, Lucy lived not too far from Shea Stadium where she began her love of our nation's favorite pastime. Last week, her father passed away. He instilled in her a love of the game of baseball, among so many other attributes. She walks in her father's footsteps, and I'm sure he's the proudest Dad in the world. It is with a great deal of respect that I pay tribute to Lucy Calautti today. Soon, Lucy will join the Major League Baseball Organization as Director of Government Relations. She'll still be playing ball with us, and it's be fun.

Thank you, Lucy, for the time we have been able to enjoy your magnificent intellect and skills in the United States Senate. I thank you for your hard work, your dedication, your idealism, and your service to our country

and most of all for you and KENT being the good friends you have been to Landra and to me.●

TRIBUTE TO R. GENE SMITH

● Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend and philanthropist, R. Gene Smith.

I have had the privilege of knowing Gene for many years, and have always been able to witness his compassion for others on numerous occasions. Gene has a kind heart and a giving spirit, and constantly thinks of ways to help those less fortunate than himself. Eight years ago, he offered another of his generous gifts to a fourth grade class in Louisville. In a spectacular show of kindness, Gene promised an all-expense paid college education to 58 students at Jefferson County's poorest school, Engelhard Elementary. The students' part of the deal entailed completing high school and gaining acceptance to a post-secondary college or university. As fourth graders, these children probably couldn't grasp the incredible opportunity they were offered then, but they certainly understand it now.

As Gene often does, he went the extra mile on his promise and committed to helping each of the 58 students graduate from high school. He created the R. Gene Smith Foundation to meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of each child. Over the students' eight-year journey to graduation, the Foundation served as a haven for the children and facilitated learning and personal growth opportunities. In spite of numerous obstacles, Gene and his students exceeded expectations and recently celebrated the graduation of 31 of the original 58 students.

Gene gave an amazing gift. Not only did Gene provide a free college education, but he provided each of the students and their parents with compassion, motivation, and peace of mind over the last eight years. He prevented 31 sets of parents from having to worry about whether they would have the money to pay for their child's education. He provided 31 students with hope for a bright and successful future.

Although this latest act of compassion is extraordinary, it is only one example of Gene's generosity. Gene chaired fund-raising efforts for Neighborhood House, a community center in a poverty-stricken area of Portland, Kentucky. He supports a preschool program for underprivileged children in Kentucky, called Jump Start. Additionally, he donated \$1 million towards redevelopment of the Louisville waterfront. Gene also lends his support to such civic groups as the Speed Art Museum, the Cathedral Heritage Foundation, the University of Louisville Hospital Foundation, and Greater Louisville, Inc.

On behalf of myself and my colleagues in the United States Senate, I offer heartfelt thanks to Gene for his

continuing commitment to helping others and a hearty congratulations to the 31 hardworking high school graduates.●

MARIA'S CHILDREN AND RUSSIAN ORPHANS

● Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I want to advise our colleagues and their staff, and their constituents visiting Washington, of an educational exhibit in the Russell Rotunda next week. The exhibit will include examples of colorful murals used by the volunteer group, Maria's Children, a Moscow-based arts rehabilitation center, as arts therapy and training for Russian orphans with learning difficulties. This therapy has produced encouraging results.

Maria's Children is a Moscow-based foundation, with U.S.-based Board members and volunteers, established to help children in Russian orphanages recognize their creative potential, thereby developing their talents and self-esteem so as to improve their chances of successful integration into Russian society. Created in 1993 by Maria Yeliseyeva, a local Moscow artist, and her friends, the project quickly found that through art, these orphans could come to express themselves in ways they had not known before, improving both their social and psychological development. Through a combination of arts therapy and exposure to normal family life, Maria's Children have literally given these children a second chance. The program has expanded over time and has started a summer art camp for orphans and is associated with Dr. Patch Adams annual clown tours of Moscow. The art work of the children has been featured in several Moscow exhibits and is helping to change Russian attitudes and views of what orphans are capable of achieving.

The exhibit will show in the Russell Rotunda from July 3-7. From there, it will move to the Russian Cultural Centre, here in Washington, and will be on display from July 8-21. The exhibit will also show across the United States throughout the summer, appearing in New York City at the National Art Club from July 28-August 6; at the Edina Southdale Court in Minneapolis from August 11-19; and at the Bumbershoot Festival in Seattle from September 1-4.

I invite our colleagues and their staff to visit this exhibit and learn about the important work that is being done by Maria and her colleagues to improve the opportunities for orphans in Russia.●

IN MEMORY OF MR. ARTHUR SALTZMAN

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today in honor and in memory of a dear friend of mine, Mr. Arthur Saltzman, of Franklin, Michigan, who passed away on June 18, 2000, at the age of 79. Mr. Saltzman was not only a friend, but an inspiration—a man who

dedicated much of his life to improving the State of Michigan.

Born in New York City in 1920, Mr. Saltzman came to Michigan to work for Ford Motor Company, where he was in charge of training/management programs for salaried employees.

After Mr. Saltzman retired from Ford, he worked for the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce, was a consultant with the U.S. Department of Energy in Washington, DC, and was Director of the Michigan State University Advanced Management Program in Troy, Michigan. He also was Director of the Michigan Economic Opportunity Office and a member of the Oakland University Charter Board of Trustees.

Mr. Saltzman earned his Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees from New York University. During World War II, he was with the Army Specialized Training Program, serving in both the Philippines and Tokyo.

Surviving Mr. Saltzman are his wife, Florence, with whom he celebrated his 50th Anniversary on January 30, 1999; daughters Amie R. Saltzman and Sarah Saltzman; his sister, Doris Chartow of Syracuse, New York; grandchildren, Joshua and Joanna; five nephews and four nieces.

Mr. President, Arthur Saltzman was a leader in the Michigan Republican Party at both the State and County level. I had the privilege to work with him on many occasions, and I found it to be a wonderful experience each and every time. Arthur was a man who truly enjoyed life, and his love for living was infectious. I am sure that he will be deeply missed by everyone who knew him.●

CHILD HANDGUN INJURY PREVENTION ACT

● Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, yesterday I introduced legislation, along with my good friend from Ohio Senator DEWINE, that will set minimum standards for gun safety locks. There has been a lot of discussion swirling around the U.S. Congress and in State legislatures throughout the country about the use of handgun safety locks to prevent children from gaining access to dangerous weapons. In fact, just last week New York became the latest State to require that safety locks be sold with firearms. Seventeen states have Child Access Protection, or CAP laws in place, which permit prosecution of adults if their firearm is left unsecured and a child uses that firearm to harm themselves or others.

An important element that is largely missing from the debate over the voluntary or required use of gun safety locks is the quality and performance of these locks. Mr. President, a gun lock will only keep a gun out of a child's hands if the lock works. There are many cheap, flimsy locks on the market that are easily overcome by a child. In fact just last week in Dale City, VA there was an absolutely heart-wrenching accidental shooting of